GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3430
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LAYING OF UNDERGROUND CABLES IN SATNA
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaint about irregularities being committed as well as not following the prescribed norms by the Madhya Pradesh Telecom circle, Bhopal in laying of underground cables in Satna city and other districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have issued any order to stop the work as the holes digged up to lay the cable were not covered;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have made any enquiry into the work of laying of cable by the contractors;

(f) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;and (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATION

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)
(a)-Yes sir, One complaint was received alongwith a newspaper cutting of Deshbandhu dated 24.1.2000 in the circle Telephone Advisory Committee meeting held on 31.1.2000 in respect of Satna city and rural areas of Satna District.

(b)-The complaint was related to irregularities of cable laying in Satna city and rural areas of Satna District.It was mentioned that during jointing of Optical Fibre cable,jointindicators and cement rings are not provided and bricks are not provided below and above the Optical Fibre cable laid and the standards of cable laying are not being followed.

(c)-No Sir,

(d) -Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e&f)-Acceptance testing of cable laying work is done by department as per prescribed norms.Circle Vigilance Officer has also inspected the cable work and found the same according to the standards.

(g)-Does not arise in view of (e&f) above.